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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Intelligence Research
Department of State
FROM: Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates
SUBJECT: Cities Project

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1. In response to correspondence between [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted], this office has been requested to prepare an extensive study of a roster of cities in the Soviet Union. The outline of the information desired calls for a considerable amount of basic research in fields that appear to be largely of primary interest to agencies other than [redacted]. This office is therefore acting as coordinator for the project and is breaking down the original outline into the parts appropriate to the basic responsibility of the other agencies. There is attached a copy of those parts of the outline that appear to fall within the primary interest of [redacted].

2. It is understood that there is no definite deadline for the termination of the complete project. Rather the requester needs a steady flow of the various parts of the outline pertaining to the two or three top priority cities as those parts are finished. It is also understood that the order of priority may be changed from time to time and that other cities may be added to the list.

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3. In continuation of the correspondence with [redacted], it is requested that [redacted] undertake on or about 15 June, the study of the Soviet cities in the following order of priority and in accordance with the attached outline.

1. Leningrad
2. Moscow
3. Gorky
4. Rostov
5. Chermnyy (Chernomorsk)
6. Sevastopol (Yalta)
7. Vilnius (Vilna, Wilno)
8. Kaliningrad (Koenigsberg)
9. Grodno (Gomel)
10. Minsk

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11. Voronov
12. Tuganov (Swiss)
13. Niga
14. Kharlov
15. Klov

4. A meeting will be called within the near future to develop working arrangements between the GSI project coordinator and the person in GSI supervising State's part of the project.

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